



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Los Angeles, California 90012

Chief Administrative Officer
Auditor-Controller
Acting Director of Health Services

At its meeting held March 7, 2006, the Board took the following action:

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The following item was called up for consideration:

The Acting Director of Health Services' recommendation to authorize the Acting Director to accept amendment to Notice of Cooperative Agreement (NCA) from the Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention which increases the original NCA amount from a total of \$27,933,032 to \$35,424,780, an increase of \$7,491,748 in carry-over unobligated funds from a prior year NCA award for the period of August 31, 2004 to August 30, 2005, to continue activities to support and upgrade the County's preparedness for the response to bioterrorism, outbreaks of infectious disease, and other public health threats and emergencies for the period of August 31, 2005 through August 30, 2006, at no net County cost; and authorize the Acting Director to accept and execute any subsequent amendments to the NCA, to adjust funding which does not exceed 25% of the NCA for the funding period of August 31, 2005 through August 30, 2006.

Dr. Genevieve Clavreul addressed the Board.

After discussion, the following statement was entered into the record for Supervisors Antonovich and Knabe:

"The Department of Health Services/Public Health has received Federal dollars which were earmarked for bioterrorism preparedness. Reports allege that part of the grant monies may have been of questionable value or purpose in the bioterrorism preparation efforts."

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After discussion, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, unanimously carried, the Board took the following actions:

1. Approved the Acting Director of Health Services' attached recommendations;
2. Instructed the Auditor-Controller and Chief Administrative Officer to conduct a full audit and review of the Public Health Federal grants and funds earmarked for bioterrorism preparedness and the utilization of the funds provided and report back to the Board in 30 days; and
3. Instructed the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare guidelines regarding receipt and spending of Federal and State grant dollars, including a requirement that any grant monies will be spent as intended or returned if not spent in the appropriate time period.

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Attachment

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Each Supervisor
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Director of Public Health